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JERUSALEM FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: AHARAM COMMENTS ON BEGIN STATEMENT

SUMMARY. AHARAM CHARACTERIZES BEGIN'S ALLEGED DESCRIPTION
OF SADAT AS OBSTACLE TO PEACE BOTH MISTAKEN AND REGRET-
TABLE. GUMHURIYYA CARRIES AFP ITEM FROM JERUSALEM REPORT-
ING THAT AMBASSADOR ATHERTON TOLD ISRAELI LEADERS THAT
SADAT IS MORE HARDLINE IN PRIVATE THAN IN PUBLIC. END
SUMMARY.

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1. AHARAM AUGUST 4 PROMINENTLY REPORTED BEGIN'S ALLEGED
STATEMENT THAT SADAT IS AN "OBSTACLE" TO PEACE AND THAT
NINE MONTHS AFTER HIS INITIATIVE EGYPT IS COMPLICATING
ATTEMPTS TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. BEGIN REPORTEDLY
SAID HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRECONDITIONS
AND THAT ISRAEL WILL ANSWER AGGRESSION DECISIVELY.

2. AHARAM COMMENT. AHARAM TERMED BEGIN'S REMARKS AS "INTENTIONAL MISTAKES" AND SAID THEY WERE "VERY REGRET-TABLE". COMMENTARY NOTED SADAT'S DESIRE THAT OCTOBER WAR BE LAST WAR BUT PEACE CANNOT COME AT EXPENSE OF JUSTICE, LANDS, AND SOVEREIGNTY. BEGIN IS ACCUSED OF CRYING WAR AT A TIME INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ARE CONCEN-TRATING ON SAVING PEACE FROM ROAD BLOCKED BY BEGIN'S "DREAMS AND SICK ILLUSIONS." EGYPT WILL GO ON WITH INITIATIVE. BEGIN'S VOICE IS NO LONGER A VOICE OF REASON, AND HE WILL BE JUDGED NOT BY EGYPT BUT BY HIS OWN PEOPLE.

3. ATHERTON REMARKS. GUMHURIYYA CARRIES AFP ITEM FROM JERUSALEM THAT, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI SOURCES, AMBASSADOR ATHERTON TOLD ISRAELI LEADERS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS MORE HARDLINE IN PRIVATE THAN HE IS IN PUBLIC. ATHERTON IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD ISRAELIS THAT SADAT INFORMED HIM CLEARLY THAT HE (SADAT) WILL NOT HOLD A NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MEETING BEFORE ISRAEL ABANDONS ALL OF ITS DEMANDS CONNECTED WITH THE OCCUPIED LANDS. ISRAELI SOURCES ARE REPORTED AS SAYING THAT BEGIN ASKED ATHERTON WHAT WAS LEFT FOR ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ATHERTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ISSUING A CLARIFICATION IF HE HAS BEEN MISQUOTED REGARDING SADAT'S HARDLINE POSTURE IN PRIVATE.

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4. CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S STATEMENT UPON HIS RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA THAT THE ARAB LEADERS HAVE BECOME CONVINCED THEY MUST ADOPT A UNIFIED STANCE AGAINST "ISRAELI IN-TRANSIGENCE" WAS A RED BANNER HEADLINE IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF GUMHURIYYA. EILTS

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